

Fire Services in Lake County Survey

Fire Department: Leesburg

Demographics

What is your jurisdiction's population?	22,286
What source did you use to determine the population?	US Census Bureau
What is your coverage area in square miles?	40
How many stations does your jurisdiction have?	4
What is your ISO rating?	2
Comments: Large daytime population influx, some reports to 60,000	

Personnel

What is the total number of personnel in your department? (Including administrative, fire prevention personnel, etc.)	57	
How many hours per year do your shift personnel work?	2912 ¹	
What is your minimum staffing for shift personnel per shift?	N/A ²	
How many of your personnel are paid paramedics?	21	
Breakdown of total personnel by rank. Describe what each rank does.		
Rank	Total Number	Brief Description
Fire Chief	1	Department head, administrative oversight of all activities
Admin. Secretary	1	Secretarial duties and projects assigned by Fire Chief
Battalion Chief	3	Shift Commander, Incident Commander, oversee operations and shift personnel, and other projects as assigned by the Fire Chief
Lieutenant	15	Management of assigned company at emergency and non emergency scenes, maintenance of stations/apparatus/equipment, and company level training.
Engineer	18 ³	Operate fire apparatus, duties of a firefighter, emergency medical services
Firefighter	19	EMS/firefighting within the structure of his/her assigned company, routine maintenance of stations and equipment, and other assigned duties
Comments: ¹ = Hours in excess of 52/week compensated by FLSA days off; ² = Typical staffing is 18/day, however this was suspended this budget year; ³ = 3 staffed engines, 1 staffed tower, 1 staffed quint, 1 staffed ARFF		

Call for Service Data - Please provide the following information for the calendar year 2010

Total Number of Medical Calls	5013	
Total Number of Non-Medical Calls	2252	
Average Response Time	5:19 ⁴	
List the services your department offers: <i>Examples include- ALS services, trench rescue, dive team, hazmat, high angle, vehicle extrication, etc.</i>	ALS EMS, fire suppression, vehicle extrication, high-angle rescue, trench rescue, confined space rescue, vehicle/machine rescue, structural collapse rescue, water rescue (not SCUBA), fire prevention education, and community service programs.	
List the <u>major</u> risks in your jurisdictions. <i>If an event occurred, it would considerably tax your resources, or would be considered a major hazard</i>		
Special Events	Medical Facilities	Government/Industrial
Annual BikeFest	Leesburg Reg. Medical Center	Cutrale Citrus Processing
Annual Artfest	Leesburg Reg. Med. Cen. North	Leesburg International Airport
Annual Mardi Gras		Downtown District
		Sprint Building N. 3 rd Street Leesburg

Operations

List total number of Apparatus and Vehicles (Staffed, not staffed, or reserve?)		
Type of Apparatus/Vehicle	Total Number	Staffed, Not Staffed or Reserve
Engine	5	(3) Staffed, (2) Reserve
Aerials	2	(1) 95' Tower-staffed, (1) 75' Quint-staffed
Technical Rescue	2	(1) Squad – not staffed, (1) trench trailer – not staffed ⁵
Command	1	Staffed
Staff / Utility	5	(1) Staffed, (4) not staffed
ARFF	1	Staffed
Air Trailer	1	Not staffed
Boats	2	(1) 22' Boston Whaler,(1) Alum John Boat ⁶
Comments: ⁵ to be staffed by Sta. 61 crews for TRT responses, ⁶ staffed as required by Sta. 61 or Sta. 63 crew, respectively		
List Interagency Agreements		
Type of Agreement	With which Agency	
Mutual Aid Agreement	Fruitland Park and Lake County Fire Rescue	
Automatic Aid Agreement	Lake County Fire Rescue	
MOU	State of Florida	
Comments: ⁴ = 5:19 response time is not accurate for Leesburg due to two factors; it includes calls run into the LCFR jurisdiction (which are farther away and require longer response times) and some human data entry errors.		

Budget - Please provide the following information for the Budget Year 2010/2011

What is the total Fire/Rescue Budget?	\$5,723,358 (2011)
What percentage of the total jurisdiction General Fund budget is Fire/Rescue?	3.9%
What is budgeted for training? <i>Include fire training courses, college classes, EMS contracted courses, etc.</i>	\$59,470
What are the average total hours of training per person per year? <i>Include in-house training hours as well.</i>	264/year (minimum targeted amount)
How is your budget funded? <i>Tax ad valorem, Fire Assessment, LSEMS etc.</i>	Ad Valorem, Leesburg General Fund Taxes
What avenues do you use when purchasing equipment, uniforms, apparatus or any other major purchases? <i>< \$1,000: purchase card, \$1,000-\$4,999: 3 informal quotes, \$5,000-\$9,999: 3 written quotes, \$10,000-\$24,999: 3 informal bids and CM approval, >\$25,000: formal bids by Purchasing Department</i>	
In the next five years, how many stations, additional personnel and apparatus is being planned?	6 additional personnel, 2 engines

Comment on how the fire service in Lake County can be more cost effective and provide quality service.

- Modifications to dispatching. Priority dispatching should be taken to the level that dispatchers have authority and responsibility to decline to send fire apparatus to non-emergent calls at medically staffed facilities. Procedural changes should be considered to eliminate inadequate information exchanges between dispatch centers (S.O. and LSCC) so that fire/ ambulance responses to minor vehicle accidents without hazards or injuries and the like are not dispatched. A policy should be developed regarding "Stand by in the area" requests by law enforcement.
- Resource sharing, such as closest unit response, has the potential to improve service quality and reduce costs. The challenge is in arriving at an agreement that is financially equitable when there is a large disparity in amount of aid rendered between agencies. Such an agreement must also NOT routinely diminish local service capability levels of the agency providing assistance to another agency.